

PATENTREMARKS

Claims 3-5, 8-11 and 13-17 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 12 have been canceled. Claims 3-10 and 12-15 have been amended. New claims 16 and 17 have been added. No new matter has been added by these amendments or additions. Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action and respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 7 and 9 was objected to for various informalities. Claims 3 and 9 have been amended to overcome the objections. Claim 7 has been canceled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,641,542 (Cho et al.). Claims 1, 6, 7 and 12 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter/New Claims 16 and 17

Claim 11 was allowed. Claims 3-5, 8-10 and 13-15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 3, 5, 8-10, 12-15 have been rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of their respective base claims and intervening claims. Note that claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form without the "storing" step, which has been added as new dependent claim 16.

New claim 17 is a system claim corresponding to method claim 5 and is believed to be allowable.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest and bona fide effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. Therefore, allowance of Applicant's claims 3-5, 8-11 and 13-17 are believed to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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